# Welcome to the Website Track

- Introduce where we are in across the country in website development
- Introduce all of you to each other

### Where we are today

### For free legal aid referrals and information, choose your state:

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LSC's TIG program has funded statewide websites in 54 states and territories, from Maine to Guam, from Florida to Alaska.

- 52 live sites for the public
- 32 public sites with resources in non-English languages
- 29 live sites for advocates
- 20 live sites with content for pro bono attorneys

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#### Disability

Rights of People with Disabilities



#### Family and Juvenile

Domestic Violence, Divorce, Child Custody...



#### Health

Resources for Iowans, Health Care Providers, and Social Service Agencies



#### **Individual Rights**

Guardianship, Housing Discrimination, Other Discrimination Problem



#### Consumer and Small Claims Court

Collection, Loans, Utilities, ...



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#### Food Assistance and Other Food Programs

Sources of Help to End Hunger



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#### File Federal Earned Income Tax Forms FREE

Home Heating Assistance

#### Find Legal Help

Do you need a lawyer, but can't find or afford one? Look here for programs that provide free or low-cost attorneys, and for programs that will refer you to private attorneys.



Links

Looking for more information?

#### About Us

What is this website all about? Look here for information about this website and how to use it, about Indiana Legal Services and the Indiana Justice Center, and how to make a donation to Indiana Legal Services.

#### What's New

What is new in the Indiana legal services community? Look here to find out!

#### Legal Information

Do you have questions about Indiana law? Look here for basic, easy to read information about Indiana law on a variety of legal topics. Includes articles, links, and pleadings.

> Look here for links to other internet sites grouped by category.

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# Welcome to the Pennsylvania Civil Law Practice Area

The Civil Practice area contians many resources designed to help advocates in their representation of needy clients.

To access or contribute resources, you must be an approved member of the community.

To join the Civil Practice Area select "Join this Area" in the bar to the left.

The Civil Practice Area contains:

- Events Calendar listing CLE
   Training Events and other events
   of interest. Events can be viewed
   by date, location or topic and
   members can add their own
   events to the calendar.
- News items and alerts on issues of interest to advocates

#### What's New!

#### In the Resource Library:

Español

Responding to the New "Probation Violation/ Fleeing Felon Program" - SSA Suspensions for People with Felony

Bench Warrants or Violations of Probabion/Parole in Philadelphia and Beyond

This Advocacy Training Manual was prepared by Richard Weihaupt and John Whitelaw of CLS and Nam Feyler of Health Care Access Consulting.

The manual outlines the rules, issues and current problems regarding the Social Security
Administration's (SSA) authority to suspend SSI.

Participating Organizations:

> Pennsylvania Legal Services

Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network

Pennsylvania Bar Association

Equal Justice for the Poor Committee of the Pennsylvania Bar Association

Neighborhood Legal Services Association

Public Service Committee of the Allegheny County Bar Foundation

# Use of the sites

Combined visits to statewide websites was over 3 million in 2004.

- Combined visits to statewide websites reached 4,793,161 in 2005. (This includes public and advocate websites).
- \* A visit is a series of events that occurs when someone enters the website and ends when they leave the site or are idle for over 30 mins.

# What role do the sites play?

- Greatly expanded role since legal service websites originated 10 years ago.
- Statewide website project have brought together existing and new partners and forged information sharing.
- Growing role both in terms of serving the public and assisting advocates.

# The Goal of Statewide Websites

- The "spine" of service delivery -
- Improve accessibility of legal services:
  - ◆ Serve people that never reach the doors the doors of legal aid.
  - ◆ Improve access to accurate information for social workers, educators, non-legal advocates
  - ◆ Increase the effectiveness of intake and hotlines
- Improve quality of legal services:
  - ◆ Increase effectiveness of advocates
  - ◆ Improve efficiency of delivery system
  - ◆ Increase and support pro bono attorneys

# Online Benefits for the Public

- Access to information 24-7
- Objective equal information (everyone receives the same content)
- Present the most opportunity for people that experience challenges in accessing these services
  - e.g., Limited English Proficiency, People with disabilities, and Rural populations

- "You are tremendous!! . . . Very informative. . . . I've gotten a copious amount of info via your Internet site. Keep up the great job!!!"
  - --An <u>Iowa Legal Aid Website</u> user
  - "I found this site to be very helpful in seeking legal help with a court case I have pending. It's such a relief to be able to get online and find answers. . ."
  - --A LawHelpCalifornia.org user
  - "Great information for our staff and clients. I can now give out the web page along with a copy of the information while the client is here in the office. It will save me a lot of time and your staff as well."
  - -- Arkansas Legal Services Website user
  - "I appreciate your web site, it has been a great help to me. I found the packet of forms that I needed right away."
    - --A WashingtonLawHelp.org user

# But there is room to grow...

"More information in Spanish. Basic info about office location is good. Add questions and info about how to find an attorney, say for a divorce. Can you say that Legal Aid has bilingual attorneys who are available to help in this area?"

### Client Outreach

A gentleman in Elkader, Iowa who had just been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease visited www.iowalegalaid.org/hotline site via a computer located at the local senior citizens center. The computer was installed as part of the Iowa Senior Citizens Internet Project, which is a project of Iowa Legal Aid. As a result of finding resources and benefit programs listed in the "Service Links" area on the Hotline program site, he applied for and received in-home care without having to enter a care facility or becoming a burden on his wife.

### Client Content and Outreach

### Content

- Improves accessibility to legal services
- Improves the quality of legal services

### Outreach

- Ensures the site reaches the intended audiences:
  - ◆ Low-income persons
  - Community providers
  - Pro bono attorneys
  - ◆ Legal services staff and advocates

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#### Providing Legal Information and Referrals for Alaska

Self-Help Slide Shows Select a topic...







#### Family and Life Planning

Divorce, Custody, Support, Adoption, Guardianship, Wills, Health Care Directives



#### **Public & Health Benefits**

Income and Health Benefits. Veterans Benefits, Social Security/SSI/SSDI



#### Protection From Abuse

Domestic Violence, Child Abuse, Elder Abuse, Help for Military Families



#### Consumer

Collection, Bankruptcy, Taxes, Credit, Loans, Alaska PFD



#### Disability

Rights of People with Disabilities



#### Housing

Landlord-Tenant, Public Housing, Foreclosure



#### Motor Vehicles

Police Stops, Insurance, DUI, Accidents



#### Seniors

Health, Wills & Estates, Caregiver Information



#### Employment, Discrimination, and Wages

Work and Employment Issues



#### **Individual Rights**

Civil Rights, Prisoners' Rights, Victim's Rights



#### Native American Issues

Indian Child Welfare Act, Tribal Courts, Hunting and Fishing Rights



#### The Legal System

Civil and Criminal Justice Information, Resource Links

#### Search.



▶ Tips for Successful Searching

#### Special News



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#### **Immigration**

#### Understanding a Divorce Case: Step-By-Step

- 2 How to use this Presentation
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- 10 Civil Rule 26.1: Getting the Details about the Marital Property
- 11 Dividing Marital Property & Debt
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- 16 Motion for Custody Investigator (CI) or Guardian Ad Litem (GAL)
- 17 Review: Timeline or Roadmap
- 18 Preparing for Your Final Hearing or Trial
- 19 Final Hearing or Trial
- 20 Finishing the case
- 21 What About Child Support?
- 22 What about CSSD?

### **Understanding a Divorce Case:** Step-By-Step 4>

This introductory slide show will teach you the basics of how a contested divorce case moves through the court system after the defendant answers.

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#### Foreclosure

#### What is Foreclosure?

A foreclosure is when a lender (like a bank or mortgage company) takes the title of your property by forcing a sheriff's sale of your home after you fail to pay part of the debt. If you fall behind on your mortgage payments, the lender can then sue for foreclosure and take over your property. This will force you to move out of your home, and could also affect your credit rating and your ability to get loans in the future.

### What should I do if I receive a letter from my lender about foreclosure?

HUD recommends the following actions if you receive a letter about foreclosure:

- Do not ignore the letter. Instead, you should call or write to your lender and explain your current financial situation. You will need to give them your current financial information. The lender might be able to offer you some help if the lender knows your financial situation.
- Stay in your home for the time being. You might not be able
  to qualify for certain kinds of assistance if you leave the
  property. As long as a court has not ordered you to leave the
  property, you can stay.

#### Housing Topics

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All Foreclosure Articles

#### Related Articles

► <u>Keeping Your Home and Car in</u> <u>Bankruptcy</u>

#### Related Links

- ► HUD-Help for Homeowners Facing The Loss of their Home
- ► HUD-How to Avoid Foreclosure
- HUD Approved Housing Counseling Agencies in Indiana
- ► Indiana Housing Finance Authority

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### Content Visits By Legal Category: Ohio Statewide Website

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<b>1</b> .	Family	28,977	14.87%	124,538			
2.	Housing	28,372	14.56%	113,446			
3.	Income	28,227	14.48%	104,400			
4.	Courts/Law	23,203	11.91%	79,947			
<b>5</b> .	Employment	19,017	9.76%	75,490			
6.	Consumer	18,711	9.60%	84,935			
7.	Education	15,300	7.85%	62,698			
8.	Wills/Probate	13,476	6.91%	55,481			
9.	Health	13,334	6.84%	84,505			
10.	Seniors	4,641	2.38%	14,496			
11.	Juvenile	1,281	0.66%	12,262			
12.	IndividualRights	361	0.19%	777			
	Total	194,900	100.00%	812,975			

# Accessibility: Considerations

- Present the most opportunity for people that experience challenges in accessing these services
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# Example: Alaska LawHelp

Presentation with an American Sign Language translation embedded in the content.

http://www.alaskalawhelp.org/documents/clusters/AK/131/English/frame.htm

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Disolución Matrimonial (Divorcio)

Para mayor información, escoja un tema abajo. Este sitio Web tiene muchos recursos legales en español, pero no todos los recursos del sitio Web en inglés han sido traducidos al español.

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#### Información General Sobre El Divorcio

General Information about Divorce (Spanish)

Por: Northwest Justice Project LSC

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#### Trabaiando Con Gals Y Evaluadores De Padres: 20 Sugerencias Para Padres En Casos De Derecho De Fami

Working with GALs and Parenting Evaluators (Spanish)

Por: Northwest Justice Project \*LSC

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- ▶ Planes de Padres.

Ver todos los temas:

#### Recursos en otros idiomas:

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### The Peoples Law Library

### Multi-Language

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. Know Your Rights, What to Do if You're Stopped by the Police, FBI, the INS or the

### Improve Access to Accurate Information

- Comprehensive system of information for clients AND community providers and legal staff
  - ◆ Referrals are more accurate
  - Clients know who and when to call
  - ◆ Providers know what you provide
- "Become the trusted source"



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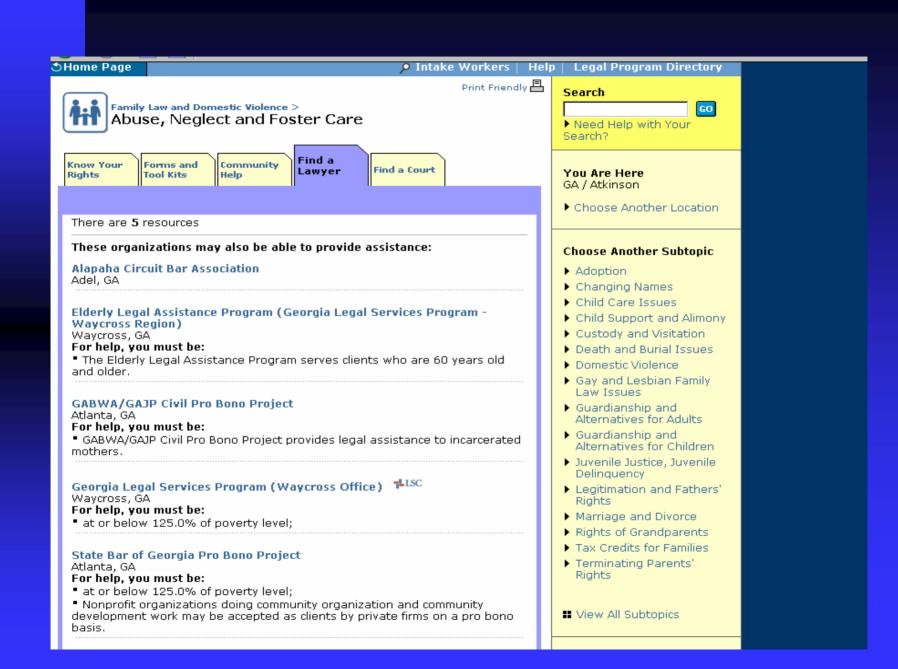


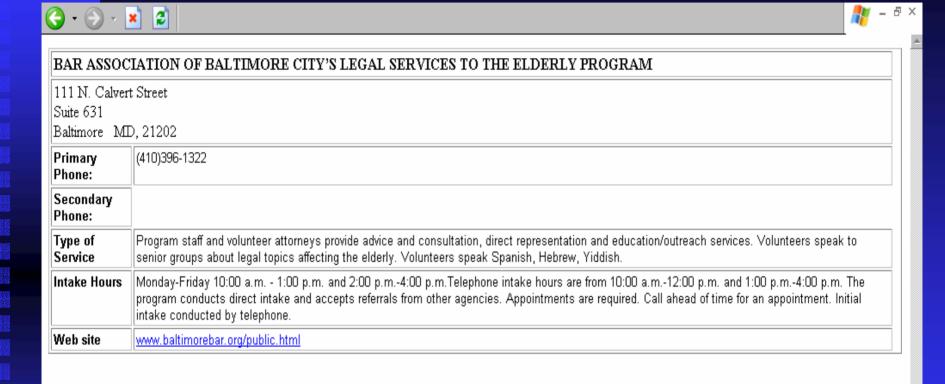
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The more information community provides have (phone, type of cases accepted, hours, website, the more accurately they can refer people to the appropriate organization.



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Select your county from the menu below for your toll free HelpLine phone number and hours of operation.

#### Select County 🔻

- If you have a legal problem, don't wait to call. Call as soon as you think you need an attorney. Not seeking immediate help often makes a legal problem worse or representation more difficult.
- · Your household must meet certain guidelines for income and assets.
- Your problem must be one that HelpLine handles. That means it must be a civil legal problem. HelpLine will not give advice on criminal matters.
- You must live in Arkansas. If your legal problem can't be solved with a brief consultation you may be referred to a staff attorney or a volunteer attorney.

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Before You Call

Is your problem a civil legal problem? The HELPLINE cannot help with criminal problems, including traffic tickets. Below you will find examples of civil legal problems. If you are unsure, call anyway.

Don't wait to call. Many legal problems are made worse when people delay getting help.

Get your documents and facts together before you call. HELPLINE professionals will be able to give you better advice if they have specific and accurate information.

Make the call yourself. HELPLINE professionals cannot talk to anyone other than you about your problem.

# Diverse organizations are represented and support the site

- ◆ Legal services organizations (LSC and non-LSC)
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- ◆ Bar associations
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This web site was made possible through a partnership between Nebraska Appleseed Center, with funding from the Nebraska Commission on Public Advocacy, and through a grant to Legal Aid of Nebraska from the Legal Services Corporation. The web site provides a collaborative network of information sharing for the purposes of centralizing legal information and expertise on poverty law issues in Nebraska, and provide easy access to invaluable legal information including community legal education materials, court forms, volunteer lawyer opportunities and links to additional resources within Nebraska. For additional information about our site see our privacy policy, terms of use and legal disclaimer.

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### Partnerships with Access Partners

- Libraries
- Community Technology Centers
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- Shelters homeless, domestic violence
- Creative partnerships



#### **Peoples Law Library Outreach Sites in Maryland**



In addition to your own (or your neighbor's) computer, you can access the Peoples Law Library website at any public library or at one of the following Outreach sites. Each Outreach site has a computer, legal self help materials, access information for the state's legal hotlines and staff trained to help you get on the web to find legal information.

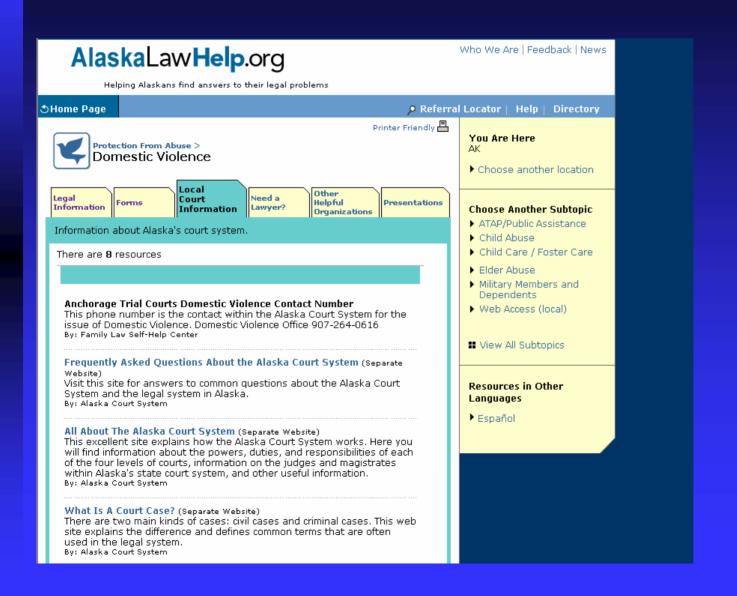
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#### A - in Baltimore City

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## Legal Aid and Pro Bono Support

In Wisconsin, attorneys, law students and volunteers were frustrated by the complicated system they were using to set-up appointments with clients at a law school clinic. To solve the issue they developed a calendar and security system on the advocate website to schedule and share appointment information. With web-based access to the calendar, law students, pro bono attorneys and supervising attorneys can all see when are where appointments are scheduled and access certain information to prepare for meeting with clients. The response to this system has been very positive and many advocates became invested in other aspects of the advocate website because of this helpful feature.

## Improve the Efficiency of Legal Services Staff

- Use online content to:
  - ◆ Give an in-depth description of the services legal services provides and how to access those services.
  - Help some clients prepare for intake, interviews and answer questions:
    - ♦ How to call
    - What documents to bring an interview
    - Background information to help explain the legal issues

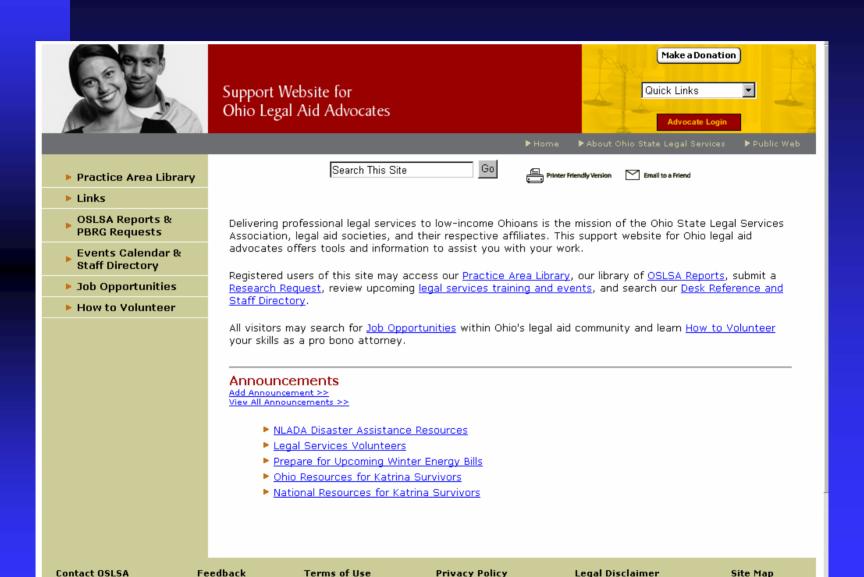
## Improve Efficiency and Quality of Legal Services

## Advocate Site:

- Password-protected online resource featuring shared knowledge base.
- Training materials
- Model documents
- Brief banks
- News, shared training calendar, and member-driven listservs.

## Improve Efficiency and Quality of Legal Services

- ◆ Access to the knowledge base of other attorneys in the state and country
  - Strategies
  - Research
  - Sample pleadings, motions, etc.
  - Training
- Organized into a updateable, searchable system (saved for all time)



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The Public Interest Law Network (PILN) of BadgerLaw.net is for advocates only. It has a Library for documents and web sites about legal issues that should be stored permanently, an Events Calendar for posting meetings and events, and a News/Alerts section for information that will not be stored permanently.

You, too can post items on this web site. Use the "Submit a New Item" link in the left margin to contribute.

### Recent News/Alerts

Click here for the Wheeler Report The Wheeler Report collects news

about Wisconsin politics and aovernment.

### News that's fit to print

Medical Assistance Madness -- Statewide Training 9/23 in Madison

### Upcoming Events Recent Library

To see all events for a particular group, follow the "Groups" link on the left side of this page.

Follow the "Events" Calendar" link on the left side of this page to look at other months.

## Submissions

▶ Benior Center Trainings for Beneficiaries This is a current schedule of the Medicare Part D trainings at the local senior centers in Milwaukee County.

- ▶ 🗒 Thao v DWD Circuit Court Brief The brief, by Larry Dupuis, agrues that the "sense of Congress" language of the 1997 Balanced Budget Act clarified that the anti-alien provisions of PRWORA of 1996 did not exclude Hmong and Lao veterans.
- Lamar Central Outdoor, Inc. v. Board of Zoning and Appeals, 2005 WI 117 The Wisconsin Supreme Court applies Goldberg v. Kelly to require that a municipal agency provide written findings of fact and a sufficient written decision to permit a meaningful review by the courts on a certiorari petition. This document is filed in the

probono.net/la

In Forma Pauperis in Louisiana: Nuts and Bolts

By Charles M. Delbaum

November 15, 2004

Indigent persons have a statutorily-guaranteed right to litigate in Louisiana courts without paying costs in advance or as they accrue.

It is well-established that an indigent person should not be deprived of his day in court merely because of lack of financial means to pay or secure costs. Benjamin v. National Super Markets, Inc., 351 So.2d 138, 141 (La. 1977). Access to the courts is accein the interest of individual justice to him, and in the interest of a judicial system designed to provide justice for all. access in advance or as they accrue or furnishing security therefor. La. C.C.P. art. 5181. As this provision indicates, a person proceeding in forma pauperis (IFP) may not be required to make even small periodic payments toward costs incurred during the litigation. Smith v. Smith, 543 So.2d 608, 609 (La. App. 2d Cir. 1989); In re Saucier, 96-C-523 (La. App. 5 Cir. 6/19/96). Once the litigation is concluded, the pauper may possibly have to pay costs, but only if judgment has been rendered against him and he has been cast with costs. La. C.C.P. art. 5186.

The legislature established a simplified test for deciding who may proceed in forma pauperis in 1997.

In determining a party's qualification to proceed IFP, the underlying issue is the actual ability to pay court costs out of net income, taking into account reasonable living expenses, debts, and unencumbered property other than a modest family residence or motor vehicle. Benjamin v. National Super Markets, Inc., supra. The legislature in the 1997 session took a significant stride toward simplifying IFP applications and expediting court consideration of them. La. C.C.P. art. 5183 now provides that persons receiving public assistance benefits, or whose income is less than or equal to 125% of the federal poverty level, are entitled to a rebuttable presumption of eligibility for IFP status.

In April, 2002, the Louisiana Supreme Court promulgated new uniform Rules for the District courts. Among these was a rule mandating the use of a simplified form for IFP applications. Rule 8.0 states: "A party other than an inmate who wishes to proceed in forma pauperis must complete and file the affidavit in Appendix 6.� Appendix 6 in turn sets forth the information all pauper applicants must provide. However, it clearly and unambiguously directs an individual whose income is less than 125% of poverty to skip questions 9 and 10 and who is represented by a legal services organization to skip the

## Benefits to Pro Bono Programs

Lowered barriers to volunteer participation due to access to training and support, including shared knowledge base, training, experts and mentors, and model documents.

Connects volunteers to virtual communities of like-minded public interest lawyers, reducing isolation and promoting retention of volunteers.



### Website for Ohio Pro Bono Professionals and Volunteers

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Make a Donation

This site is a one-stop resource for Ohio attorneys who are interested in pro bono. Whether you are a current volunteer, a prospective volunteer, or a pro bono professional, you can find helpful information here.

If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity, please visit our searchable directory of pro bono programs.

Special thanks to the Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation for maintaining this site.



Ohio Supreme Court Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer (center) joins

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GeorgiaAdvocates.org is Georgia's online poverty law resource for anyone advising low-income or disadvantaged clients.

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Take the Poverty Tour to learn why your help is needed.

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Join the GEORGIA ONLINE JUSTICE COMMUNITY

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS with information about CLE opportunities, legal services organization and pro bono program fundraisers and other events

NEWS FORUM with information about legal services organizations, law firms

LAW LIBRARY of legal information, training materials, basic pleadings and court forms for use in pro bono cases, client education and other advocacy

NEW VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES for attorneys looking for pro bono work

**GROUP LISTSERVS**- so you can keep up to date on your area of expertise

ATTORNEY ROSTER of pro bono attorneys and legal services advocates to promote communication among volunteer networks

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Disaster Legal Services Materials for Advocates

GeorgiaAdvocates.org now includes 5 National Practice Areas:

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**Health Law** 

Death Penalty

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Prisoners' Rights

LegalAid-GA.org Georgia's web site guide to free legal information and legal services

### Participating Organizations:







Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation

State Bar of Georgia Pro Bono Project

## Increasing Pro Bono

- Recruitment
- Support
  - ◆ Training/CLE
  - ◆ Documents
  - ◆ 24-7 access and "no embarrassing questions"
- Recognition

## advocateresourcecenter.org

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## Washington State Pro Bono Opportunities Guide

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To find a volunteer opportunity that is tailored to your specific requirements, please select your preferences from the following options and then click the Search button:

If you are a low-income person looking for legal help, go to www.washingtonlawhelp.org

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The Washington State Pro Bono Opportunities Guide is a joint project of The Seattle Area Pro Bono Coordinators, Northwest Women's Law Center, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP, Perkins Coie LLP, and the Unemployment Law Project.

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#### Arkansas Legal Services Programs

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Legal Aid of Arkansas 4083 Shiloh Drive, Suite 3 Fayetteville, AR 72703 (479) 442-0600 fax (479) 442-0603

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# Arkansas Pro Bono Partnership

The ProBono Member Web Site is a resource for pro bono advocates to share ideas and information about issues and cases. The Private Web works best if we all share information.

### **Recent News**

Click on a News headline to read the full text of the posting. Share a news story

- ► Medicare Prescription Drug Enrollment Workshops
- ► Visit the Hurricane Katrina Resource Section
- ► Domestic Violence Awareness Month Rally

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- 21 Access To Justice Commission Meeting
- 07 <u>Domestic Violence Awareness Month Rally</u>
- 12 Medicare Prescription Drug Enrollment Workshop

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## vlsp Changing Lives





#### Welcome to probono.net/sf! A joint project of the Bar Association of San Francisco's Volunteer Legal Services Program (VLSP) and Pro Bono Net.

probono.net News

Your online gateway to pro bono opportunities in San Francisco.

Probono.net/sf is a free online resource for attorneys, paralegals, law students, social service advocates, interpreters and other professionals to find volunteer opportunities at VLSP and other public interest organizations in the Bay Area.

Volunteer opportunities are categorized by practice area. Each practice area contains a variety of resources designed to assist you with your pro bono case, including:

- \* comprehensive training manuals
- \* calendar of training events
- \* extensive library
- available cases
- \* relevant news articles

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#### LawHelpCalifornia.org Legal info for the public

#### Participating Organizations:

#### Practice Area Hosts: Volunteer Legal Services Program

(VLSP)
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Advocacy Project
(HAP)

Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area (Asylum Law)

ABA Death Penalty Representation Project (Death Penalty)

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Shawn and pal Chauncey enjoy some sun on the Embarcadero

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#### Library highlights

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# Service Delivery and Innovation

Montana and lowa are piloting a project to integrate telephone and electronic chat communication tools with their statewide public websites and intake systems. This pilot will focus on using volunteer "navigators" and intake staff to assist low literacy and LEP clients in finding the right resources and referral information. The project, which will also allow navigators to walk users through interviews on the National HotDocs server, offers the opportunity for breakthroughs both in client access to services and the use of truly "virtual" pro bono volunteers.

## Service Delivery Integration

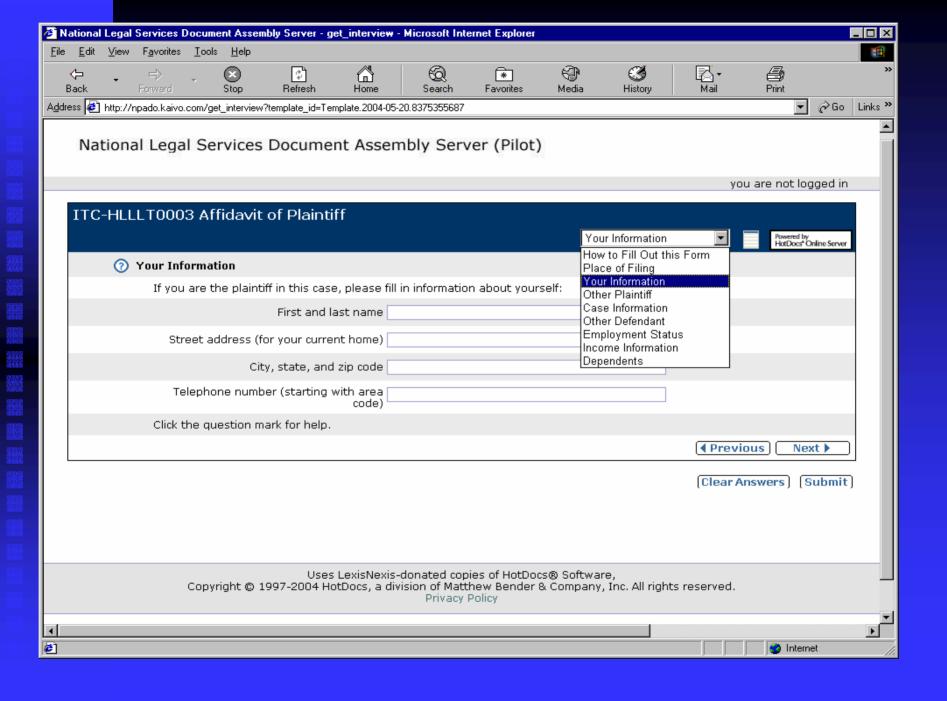
### One story...

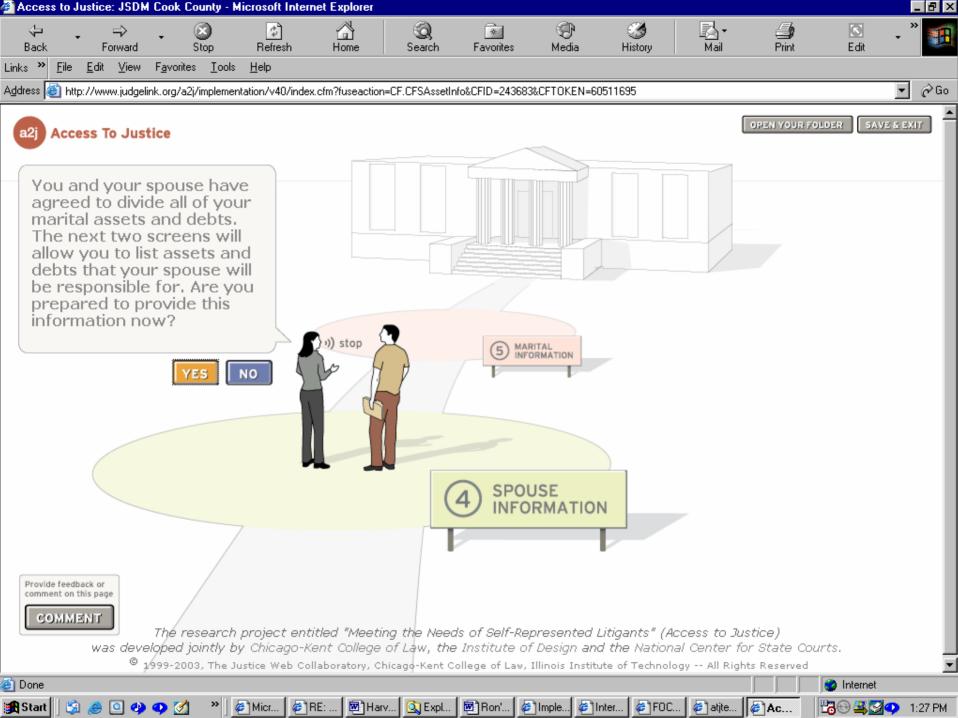
Lucille Wright, who has been with Georgia Legal Services Program for 25 years, welcomes the website and the information it provides to clients and callers the GLSP cannot serve. In the Augusta office Lucille uses the www.LegalAid-GA.org website everyday during client intake. As part of her intake work now, she:

- \* prints out materials for waiting clients so that they can get a overview about what they think their legal problem is
- \* finds out whether potential clients (and turned down clients) have access to the Internet and walks them through the process of finding the materials, and
- \* prints out materials and mails it to clients that don't have access to the Internet.

### Innovation

- HotDocs
- LiveHelp
- Webcasting
- Multimedia content
- Law student research tool
- File sharing between sites and intake programs (XML)





# Live help: Live Navigation Assistance











## Illinois Legal Advocate Training and Practice Support for Legal Aid Advocates

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### Basic Consumer Law Training for New Attorneys



THIS PRESENTATION UTILIZES SOFTWARE AND EQUIPMENT DEVELOPED BY THE FOLLOWING COMPANIES:

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#### Welcome to the Video Presentation

Length of presentation: 1 hr 6 min 40 sec

Topics covered: Hospital Collection Cases, Areas of Inquiry in a

New Case, Collection Abuse, Deficiency Cases, and more.

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Speaker: Alan A. Alop, Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago

Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago - General Office

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